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**Season 2023/24**

**Midweek Action:** On Tuesday evening, **Bradford Town** and **Boco** shared the points following a dramatic denouement to their First Division clash at Trowbridge Road. Having played out 80 goalless minutes, it was the away side who finally made the breakthrough in the closing stages through Sam Thomas. That goal had looked like a potential winner, but if anything, it awoke the Bobcats and they managed to avoid defeat with Jacob Mead scoring five minutes from time with a fantastically taken free-kick. The following evening, Scott Bamford’s hat-trick inspired **Shirehampton** to a 5-1 win at home to **Hengrove**. Having seen the original fixture abandoned with the Shire leading 4-1 after 83 minutes, they made sure to make their dominance count again, with Bamford’s treble completed thanks to a pair of late goals at The Creek. Ryan Radford and Louis Snailham also struck for the home side, who maintained their recent run of high-scoring encounters. There were also a pair of Les Phillips Cup ties on Wednesday involving four First Division sides, with Tom Headford, Liam Clayton and Aaron Coleman all scoring in the opening 34 minutes to give **Cribbs Reserves** a comfortable 3-0 win over **Bristol Telephones**. The other side to book their spot in the second round were **Longwell Green Sports**, with Nathan Hall’s brace helping them secure a 2-1 win away at **Cadbury Heath**.

**Premier Division:** League leaders **Falmouth** were among a bunch of high-scoring home winners on Saturday afternoon, with a dominant second half leading them past **Street.** After being pegged back just prior to half-time, Falmouth flew out of the blocks after the interval, eventually winning by six goals to one. Luke Barner and Cam Hutchinson each struck twice for Town, with Jared Sims and Jayden Gilbert also notching during a one-sided second period. Another side to prosper during the second half of their match was **Bridgwater**, with four of their goals coming after the interval to cap a 5-0 win at home to **Torpoint**. Sustained pressure from the hosts was finally rewarded two minutes before half-time when Harry Horton fired United into a one-goal lead. The Thorne’s then took over the contest, with Dave making it 2-0 in the early stages of the second half, before Jack then struck twice to put the result beyond doubt. It was then left to recent addition Jay Murray to add the finishing touches, with his late volley capping an excellent five-goal performance. **Barnstaple** went one better than Bridgy, scoring three times in either half to claim a 6-0 victory at home to **Wellington**. The visitors made the worst possible start, conceding inside the second minute when Stu Bowker stroked home. The in-form Oscar Massey then came to the fore for Town, with his quickfire double putting them three up at the break. Blake Shepherd was then on hand to fire home Barnstaple’s fourth, before the unstoppable Massey took his personal tally to four with two further goals.

On a day of incredible goalscoring, **Brixham** went one better again, putting seven past a hapless **Millbrook** to secure their fourth consecutive league win, all without conceding. Their form man up top right now is Charlie Johansen, and after scoring at the beginning and end of the first half, the former Buckland frontman then struck again early in the second half to complete his hat-trick. There were four other scorers on Saturday afternoon for the home side, with Cole Harford, Jake Chisholm, Jaden Maslen and Kieran Parkin condemning Millbrook to another tough loss. In a less one-sided affair, **Clevedon** were one of the rare away victors, with Sam Beresford firing them to a 1-0 win at **St Blazey**, while **Ilfracombe** defeated **Welton** 3-0.

The most competitive clash of the afternoon took place at Fryth Way, where **Nailsea & Tickenham** toppled **Buckland** by four goals to three. It didn’t look as though the Swags would come out on top after their slow start which saw Josh Webber and Josh Grant fire the visitors into an early two-goal lead. Nailsea then turned the game on its head in the period either side of half-time, scoring four times in the space of 15 minutes to stun the Bucks. Joe Berry and Callum Dunn were each on target twice to hand the home side a 4-2 advantage within moments of the second-half restart. That wasn’t the end of the scoring however, and Rob Farkins struck with four minutes remaining to set up a grandstand finish, but it wasn’t to be for Buckland who have suffered back-to-back defeats. Back towards the top of the table, **Helston** secured a 5-1 win away at **Oldland** to bounce back from last Saturday’s surprise home defeat. Rikki Sheppard helped Helston dominate the early passages, and having already broken the deadlock at the end of their first attack, he was then on target again to make it 2-0 after just nine minutes. Oldland kicked into life on the back of that start, and got a lifeline back into the contest when Mitch Dann found the back of the net shortly after Sheppard’s second. That was as close as they got however, and after substitute Sam Carter made it 3-1, Jordan Copp added goal number four, before Sheppard capped an outstanding performance with his hat-trick goal from the penalty spot. The other victors on Saturday afternoon were **Shepton Mallet**, with debutant Leo Eglin setting them on their way to a 3-1 defeat of **Saltash.** Eglin took just 12 minutes to make his mark for Mallet, giving the home side a lead which they then added to on the half hour thanks to a free kick from Josh Jenkins. Saltash did manage to reduce the deficit courtesy of Tyler Love-Holmes, but the result was then put to bed in the closing stages when Will Banks added a third for Shepton.

**First Division:** Goals certainly weren’t on short supply in the First Division either, with Matt Huxley’s historic moment helping lead **Cadbury Heath** to a 10-0 trouncing of **Bishop Sutton**. Having watched teammate Josh Haynes bag a hat-trick in the space of 35 minutes, Huxley got in on the action to make it 5-0 just prior to half-time. Haynes was the standout performer of the afternoon, taking his individual tally on the afternoon to five during the second half, but history beckoned for Huxley during the closing stages. After making it 9-0 13 minutes from time, the Heath forward then completed his hat-trick in the final moments to claim his 500th Western league goal. That late effort also took him to 300 for the Heath on a memorable afternoon for himself and the club. **Brislington** were the days other big winners, putting five past **Gillingham Town** in the day’s early kick-off. Five different scorers found the back of the net for the visitors, with Josh Egan, Harry Tobin, Jordan Williams, Jack Fillingham and Jordan Scadding each beating the home keeper.

Away wins were popular throughout the entire division on Saturday, with **Cribbs Reserves** toppling **Bristol Telephones** by three goals to one to leapfrog their hosts. Having already beaten the same opponent in the Les Phillips Cup earlier this week, Cribbs repeated the trick, scoring three unanswered goals again courtesy of Aaron Coleman, Liam Clayton and Tom Burns. Leaders **Portishead** won again on their travels, with the league’s hottest forward Ethan Feltham scoring twice in the first half to help them beat **Wincanton** 3-1. Feltham’s double, plus a worldy from Callum Eastwood put Town three-up at the interval, with Louis Irwin’s goal early in the second half proving to be nothing more than a consolation. 3-1 was also the winning scoreline for **Hallen**, with a fantastic effort from Josiah McKayle setting them on their way against **Middlezoy**. Having been defeated by Rovers on the opening day of the season, Hallen gained short term revenge, with Luke Banfield making it 2-0, before Peter Majek-Oduyoye finally wrapped things up in stoppage time.

The most entertaining game of the afternoon took place in Bath, with **Shirehampton’s** Scott Bamford scored a stoppage time winner to help his side come out on top in a seven-goal thriller over **Odd Down** *(pictured, below right).* It was the visitors who started much the better, and after Steve Fitzpatrick had broken the deadlock from long range, Will Gallagher then struck moments later to make it 2-0 inside ten minutes. Just as Alfie Andrews looked to have got the home side back into the contest, Louis Snailham responded instantly to restore Shirehampton’s two-goal advantage. That didn’t deter Odd Down however, and having been reduced to ten men following a spate of injuries, they pulled off a dramatic late comeback with skipper Milo Murgatroyd and sub Abdou Mbaye making it 3-3 late on. They continued to push for more in the final minutes, and only saw the most dramatic of victories denied by visiting keeper Will Baldwin who saved a 90th minute penalty. The drama wasn’t finished there however, and the home side were left with nothing to show for their efforts when Bamford struck in the third minute of stoppage time to hand Shirehampton victory. There was also a high-scoring encounter down in **Cheddar**, where visitors **Longwell Green** secured a 4-2 victory thanks to goalscoring doubles from Sonny Passco and Joe Harry. Goals from Dean Chrisostomou and Ollie Hucker kept the Cheesemen in the game somewhat, but the away side ground out victory with youngster Harry playing a starring role. Second-placed **Radstock** defeated **Boco** 3-0 thanks to goals from Jacob Reader, Corey Rawlings and Ian Jeffery, while a 20th minute chip from Craig Herrod proved to be enough for **Wells City** in their tight and tense home clash with **Bradford**. Third spot in the table now belongs to **Bitton**, after a pair of goals early in the second half from Joe Beardwell and Oliver Sully led them to a 2-1 triumph away at **Hengrove**.

**Latest Results**

**Tuesday 3rd October 2023**

**First Division**

Bradford Town 1-1 AEK Boco 101

**Wednesday 4th October 2023**

**First Division**

Shirehampton 5-1 Hengrove Athletic 51

**Les Phillips Cup**

Cadbury Heath 1-2 Longwell Green Sports

Cribbs Reserves 3-0 Bristol Telephones

**Saturday 7th October 2023**

**Premier Division**

Barnstaple Town 6-0 Wellington

Bridgwater United 5-0 Torpoint Athletic 270

Brixham AFC 7-0 Millbrook 110

Falmouth Town 6-1 Street

Ilfracombe Town 3-0 Welton Rovers

Nailsea & Tickenham 4-3 Buckland Athletic 70

Oldland Abbotonians 1-5 Helston Athletic

Shepton Mallet 3-1 Saltash United 208

St Blazey 0-1 Clevedon Town

**First Division**

Bristol Telephones 0-3 Cribbs Reserves 35

Cadbury Heath 10-0 Bishop Sutton 46

Cheddar 2-4 Longwell Green Sports 82

Gillingham Town 1-5 Brislington 37

Hengrove Athletic 1-2 Bitton 67

Middlezoy Rovers 1-3 Hallen

Odd Down 3-4 Shirehampton 60

Radstock Town 3-0 AEK Boco 61

Wells City 1-0 Bradford Town 120

Wincanton Town 1-3 Portishead Town 88



**This week’s podcast includes an interview with Falmouth Town manager Andrew Westgarth, who describes the jubilation of their later winner at Buckland, and details his ambition to compete against the top sides in the Premier Division. Ian then catches up with Bristol Telephones assistant Manager, Russell Holt, who explains why his side are on track to progress in the First Division, and what it means for him and manager John Allen to be getting the band back together.**

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**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 10th October 2023**

**Premier Division**

Welton Rovers vs Street 19:30KO

**First Division**

Bishop Sutton vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

Bitton vs Brislington 19:30KO

Hallen vs Portishead Town 19:30KO

Odd Down vs Bristol Telephones 19:30KO

Radstock Town vs Wincanton Town 19:45KO

**Les Phillips Cup**

Cheddar vs Barnstaple Town 19:45KO

**Wednesday 11th October 2023**

**First Division**

Cribbs Reserves vs Middlezoy Rovers 19:30KO

Shirehampton vs Cadbury Heath 19:30KO

**Friday 13th October 2023**

**Premier Division**

Bridgwater Town vs Nailsea & Tickenham 19:30KO

**First Division**

Keynsham Town vs Radstock Town 19:45KO

**Saturday 14th October 2023 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Buckland Athletic vs Saltash United

Clevedon Town vs Oldland Abbotonians

Falmouth Town vs Shepton Mallet

Millbrook vs Helston Athletic

Street vs Brixham AFC

Torpoint Athletic vs Barnstaple Town

Wellington vs Ilfracombe Town

Welton Rovers vs St Blazey

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Bristol Telephones

Bradford Town vs Wincanton Town

Brislington vs Middlezoy Rovers

Cadbury Heath vs Hengrove Athletic

Cheddar vs Odd Down

Gillingham Town vs Longwell Green Sports

Hallen vs Cribbs Reserves

Portishead Town vs Bishop Sutton

Shirehampton vs Wells City

Warminster Town vs Bitton

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Falmouth Town** | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 18 | **23** |
| 2 | **Helston Athletic** | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 26 | **22** |
| 3 | **Bridgwater United** | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 20 | **22** |
| 4 | **Brixham AFC** | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 18 | **21** |
| 5 | **Clevedon Town** | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 12 | **21** |
| 6 | **Barnstaple Town** | 9 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 16 | **19** |
| 7 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | **18** |
| 8 | **Buckland Athletic** | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 11 | **17** |
| 9 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | **15** |
| 10 | **Street** | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | **15** |
| 11 | **Shepton Mallet** | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | -1 | **15** |
| 12 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | -3 | **12** |
| 13 | **St Blazey** | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | -4 | **9** |
| 14 | **Welton Rovers** | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | -7 | **8** |
| 15 | **Saltash United** | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | -13 | **8** |
| 16 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 11 | 2 | 0 | 9 | -22 | **6** |
| 17 | **Wellington** | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | -23 | **6** |
| 18 | **Millbrook** | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | -53 | **0** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Portishead Town** | 16 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 38 | **41** |
| 2 | **Radstock Town** | 16 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 24 | **37** |
| 3 | **Bitton** | 15 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 17 | **33** |
| 4 | **Wincanton Town** | 16 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 12 | **33** |
| 5 | **Brislington** | 15 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 32 | **32** |
| 6 | **Bradford Town** | 17 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 17 | **31** |
| 7 | **Cribbs Reserves** | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 11 | **27** |
| 8 | **Bristol Telephones** | 16 | 8 | 2 | 6 | -2 | **26** |
| 9 | **Wells City** | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 7 | **23** |
| 10 | **Cadbury Heath** | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | -3 | **18** |
| 11 | **Shirehampton** | 15 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 2 | **20** |
| 12 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 15 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 0 | **20** |
| 13 | **Middlezoy Rovers** | 15 | 6 | 2 | 7 | -1 | **20** |
| 14 | **AEK Boco** | 15 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 0 | **19** |
| 15 | **Hallen** | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | -3 | **17** |
| 16 | **Odd Down** | 16 | 5 | 2 | 9 | -22 | **17** |
| 17 | **Warminster Town** | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | -10 | **14** |
| 18 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 15 | 4 | 2 | 9 | -11 | **14** |
| 19 | **Keynsham Town** | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | -16 | **10** |
| 20 | **Cheddar** | 15 | 3 | 1 | 11 | -20 | **10** |
| 21 | **Gillingham Town** | 15 | 2 | 1 | 12 | -31 | **7** |
| 22 | **Bishop Sutton**  | 15 | 0 | 1 | 14 | -51 | **1** |